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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:

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1. MEXICAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO COVER BOGOTA FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE THROUGH WIRE SERVICES AS WELL AS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS FOR SEVERAL IMPORTANT DAILIES. SEMI-OFFICIAL EL NACIONAL CARRIES BYLINE AP REPORT ON ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA IN BOGOTA. THIS REPORT OF RABASA'S PRESS CONFERENCE INDICATES HE DISCUSSED SAME POINTS REPORTED REFTEL BUT WITH SOME VARIATION IN TREATMENT. RABASA CALLED FOR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR PANAMA (ON CANAL ZONE ISSUE) "BECAUSE THIS IS A CAUSE OF AMERICA ALTHOUGH THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE BILATERAL BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PANAMA." IN COMMENTS ON BEHAVIOR OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, RABASA CALLED FOR REGULATION BUT DID NOT SINGLE OUT U.S. CORPORATIONS. ON CUBA, RABASA INDICATED SUPPORT FOR RETURN TO INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM BUT POINTED OUT LACK OF INTEREST ON PART OF CASTRO AND ROA.

2. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT FOR EXCELSIOR CITES RABASA AS CALLING FOR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND U.S. WHICH NEITHER  
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SUBORDINATE NOR DEPENDENT. HE SAID, "THE POLICY OF THE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOWARD LATIN AMERICA SHOULD NOT BE, AS IT HAS BEEN, INTERVENTIONIST, NEGLIGENT OR UNINVOLVED (AUSENTE) WITH REGIONAL PROBLEMS." RABASA REGRETTED ABSENCE AT CONFERENCE OF BRAZIL- IAN, ARGENTINE, PARAGUAYAN, BOLIVIAN AND URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MIN- ITERS.

3. EXCELSIOR EDITORIAL COMMENT PREDICTS EVENTUAL "INOPERATIVE- NESS" OF BOGOTA CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF TWO "KEY NATIONS", BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA. "WITHOUT THEIR PRESENCE THERE WILL NOT EVEN BE A GUARANTEE THAT ANY CONSENSUS WHICH MIGHT BE REACHED IN COLOMBIA MIGHT BE CONFIRMED LATER THROUGH INSTITU- TIONAL CHANNELS." THE EDITORIAL PRAISES IMAGINATION AND ABILITY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT HE WILL UNDER- STAND LATIN AMERICAN NEED FOR A RESPECTFUL AND FRUITFUL TREAT- MENT BY U.S.

4. COMMENT: RABASA'S REPORTED COMMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED COMMENTS OF HIS ADVANCEMAN. LATEST REPORTS MAKE IT SEEM UNLIKELY CUBAN ISSUE WILL BE PRESSED BY MEXICO. RABASA WILL, HOWEVER, UNDOUBTEDLY WORK HARD FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF PANAMANIAN "CAUSE".  
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